

**Librarian's Report
Freedom Public Library
September 29, 2016**

I went to the Freedom Elementary School the week I got back from vacation to promote the book club for grades 4-6 and I distributed 13 books to students in those grades. All of the classes are coming to the library again this year. The preschool will be coming weekly and K, 1/2, 3, 4/5, and 6 will be coming every three weeks. Chris is reading to the upper grades and I am doing the rest. Our first Pizza & Movie night of the school year was September 16. 18 kids came for the afterschool activities. We used our new laser guns for outdoor fun before moving inside for snacks and scratch art. The Rotary Club has approved our grant request of \$250 to pay for the afterschool snacks for the school year. This will be administered by the Friends of the Library. There were 36 adults and children for Pizza & Movie.

The Friends of the Library put on a wonderful dinner to honor the library volunteers on Sunday, September 18. The event was held at the library and was catered by Windy Hill Farm. Because the tables were scattered through the library and grounds, we were not all together at any point, so neither Chris nor I was able to make any sort of speech, but I did make my way to every table. I think people enjoyed themselves.

The library is participating in One Book One Valley. The book is *The Finest Hours* by Michael Tougias and Casey Sherman. We are showing the movie by the same name on Sunday, October 23 at 4:00. Popcorn!

Chris did a wonderful job running the library while I was away on vacation. There seemed to be no issues at all. He attended the YALS (teen) conference in Concord last week with workshops focused on teen programming and engagement. He has created a new section in the children's room for graphic novels and comic books which formerly were shelved in nonfiction. These materials now have the call number "Graphic" plus the first three letters of the author's last name. Use of these materials has increased since he implemented this change. He has put out another volunteer newsletter, something he intends to do on a monthly basis.

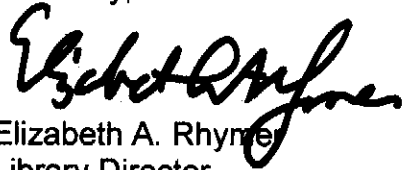
The day I returned to work after vacation, the Freedom Public Library hosted the Carroll County Library Co-op for our annual meeting. I supplied the snacks and beverages.

Summer seems so long ago but I wanted to provide some statistics for summer reading participation, below. Teen participation went down from 2015 although the number of books read went up. Participation AND reading went up for kids

and adults. The adult program participation went WAY up and I credit Chris and the front desk volunteers for their promotion of the program to all who came in. Many people took the time to praise the summer programs and thank us for what we do.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Hours/Books</u>
Kids	2015	48	635 hours
	2016	51	913 hours
Teens	2015	19	72 books
	2016	14	98 books
Adults	2015	72	434 books
	2016	96	625 books

Sincerely,



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